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AN ACT

To repeal sections 334.010, 334.120, 334.260, and 376.1753, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new sections relating to the practice of midwifery, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 334.010, 334.120, 334.260, and 376.1753, RSMo, are

- 2 repealed and fifteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
- 3 324.1230, 324.1231, 324.1233, 324.1235, 324.1237, 324.1239, 324.1240, 324.1241,
- 4 324.1242, 324.1243, 324.1244, 324.1245, 334.010, 334.120, and 376.1753, to read
- 5 as follows:

324.1230. As used in sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, the following

- 2 terms shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Antepartum", before birth;
- 4 (2) "Board", the board of professional midwives;
- 5 (3) "Client", a person who retains the services of a professional
- 6 midwife;
- 7 (4) "Division", the division of professional registration;
- 8 (5) "Intrapartum", during birth;
- 9 (6) "Postpartum", after birth;
- 10 (7) "Practice of professional midwifery", the science and art of
- 11 examination, evaluation, assessment, counseling, and treatment of

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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women and infants by a professional midwife in the antepartum, 12intrapartum, and postpartum period by those methods commonly taught in any midwifery school, or midwifery program in a university or college which has been accredited by the Midwifery Education 1516 Accreditation Council, its successor entity or approved by the board; including identifying and referring women who require obstetrical or 17other professional care. It shall not include the use of operative 18 surgery, nor the prescribing of drugs. The practice of professional 19 20 midwifery is not the practice of medicine or osteopathy within the meaning of chapter 334, RSMo, and not subject to the provisions of the 21chapter. The practice of professional midwifery is not the practice of 22nurse-midwifery or nursing within the meaning of chapter 335, RSMo, 23and not subject to the provisions of the chapter; 24

(8) "Professional midwife", any person who is certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) as a certified professional midwife (CPM) and provides for compensation those skills relevant to the care of women and infants in the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum period.

324.1231. 1. There is hereby created and established within the division of professional registration a "Board of Professional Midwives" which consists of five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Each member shall be a United States citizen and a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding their appointment. Of these five members, one member shall be a public member, four members shall be licensed professional midwives who attend births in homes or other out-of-hospital settings, provided that the first midwife members appointed need not be licensed at the time of appointment if they are actively working toward licensure under the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245. 11

2. The initial appointments to the board shall be one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, one member for 13 a term of three years, one member for a term of four years, and one 14member for a term of five years. After the initial terms, each member 15shall serve a five-year term. No member of the board shall serve more than two consecutive five-year terms. All successor members shall be 17appointed for five-year terms. All members shall serve until their 18 successors have been appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in 19

the membership of the board for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.

- 3. The public member shall not be, nor have previously been, a member of any profession regulated by chapter 334 or 335, RSMo, or under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, or the spouse or immediate family member of such person. The public member is subject to the provisions of section 620.132, RSMo.
- 4. The board may sue and be sued in its own name and its members need not be named parties. Members of the board shall not be personally liable, either jointly or severally, for any act or acts committed in the performance of their official duties as board members. No board member shall be personally liable for any court costs which accrue in any action by or against the board.
- 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any appointed member of the board shall receive as compensation an amount established by the director of the division not to exceed seventy dollars per day for board business plus actual and necessary expenses.
- 6. The division shall employ administrative and clerical personnel necessary to enforce the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245.
- 7. The board shall hold an annual meeting at which time it shall elect from its membership a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The board may hold such additional meetings as may be required in the performance of its duties. A quorum of the board shall consist of a majority of its members.
- 8. Pursuant to section 620.106, RSMo, no new licensing activity or other statutory requirements shall become effective until expenditures or personnel are specifically appropriated for the purpose of conducting the business as required to administer the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 and the initial rules filed have become effective.
 - 324.1233. 1. Applications for licensure as a professional midwife shall be in writing, submitted to the board on forms prescribed by the board, and furnished to the applicant. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best knowledge

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- 6 and belief of the applicant, subject to the penalties provided for the making of a false affidavit or declaration. Each application shall be accompanied by the fees required by the board.
- 9 2. Each applicant for licensure shall:
- 10 (1) Present evidence of current certification by the North American Registry of Midwives as a certified professional midwife; 11
- 12 (2) Present evidence of current certification in basic life support healthcare providers, and either infant cardiopulmonary 13 resuscitation or neonatal resuscitation; and 14
- (3) Comply with the written disclosure requirement under subsection 1 of section 324.1239. 16
- 3. The division shall mail a renewal notice to the last known 17 address of each licensee prior to the renewal date. Failure to provide 18 the board with the information required for renewal, or to pay the 19 renewal fee after such notice, shall result in the license expiring. The license shall be reinstated if, within two years of the renewal date, the 21applicant submits the required documentation and pays the applicable 2223fees as approved by the board.
- 244. Each license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section 25 shall expire three years after the date of its issuance. Each applicant 26 for renewal shall submit:
 - (1) Evidence of attendance at a minimum of ten hours per year of continuing education in midwifery or related fields;
- 29 (2) Evidence of attendance at a minimum of three hours per year 30 of peer review;
- (3) Evidence of current certification in basic life support for 31 32 healthcare providers, and either infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation or neonatal resuscitation; and 33
- (4) The renewal fee set by the board. 34
- 35 5. The board may refuse to issue or renew any certificate of registration or authority, permit, or license required pursuant to this 36 chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 6 of 37this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the 38reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of the applicant's right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo. As an alternative to a refusal to issue 41or renew any certificate, registration, or authority, the board may, at

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its discretion, issue a license which is subject to probation, restriction, 43 44 or limitation to an applicant for licensure for any one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 6 of this section. The 45 board's order of probation, limitation, or restriction shall contain a 46 statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefore, the date such 47 action shall become effective, and a statement that the applicant has 48 thirty days to request in writing a hearing before the administrative 49 hearing commission. If the board issues a probationary, limited, or 50 restricted license to an applicant for licensure, either party may file a 51 written petition with the administrative hearing commission within 52thirty days of the effective date of the probationary, limited, or 53 restricted license seeking review of the board's determination. If no 54written request for a hearing is received by the administrative hearing 55commission within the thirty-day period, the right to seek review of the 56 board's decision shall be considered as waived. 57

- 6. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit, or license required by this chapter, or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate or registration or authority, permit, or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:
- 65 (1) Engaging in conduct detrimental to the health or safety of 66 either the mother or infant, or both, as determined by the board;
- 67 (2) Having an unpaid judgment resulting from providing 68 professional midwifery services;
- (3) Procuring or attempting to procure a license under sections
 324.1230 to 324.1245 by making a false statement, submitting false
 information, refusing to provide complete information in response to
 a question in an application for licensure, or through any form of fraud
 or misrepresentation;
- 74 (4) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications for licensure or 75 renewal established under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245;
 - (5) Paying money or other valuable consideration, other than as provided for under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, to any member or employee of the board to procure a license under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245;

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- 80 (6) Incompetency, misconduct, negligence, dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation in the performance of the functions or duties of professional midwives as prescribed under sections 324.1230 to 83 324.1245:
- 84 (7) Violating, assisting, or enabling any person to willfully disregard any of the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, or the 85 rules of the board for the administration and enforcement of the 86 provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245; 87
- 88 (8) Violating any term or condition of a license issued by the board under the authority of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245; 89
 - (9) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition, or other compensation by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation;
- 92 (10) Assisting or enabling a person to practice or offer to practice any profession licensed or regulated by sections 324.1230 to 93 94 324.1245 who is not licensed and currently eligible to practice under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245; or 95
- (11) Using any advertisement or solicitation which is false, 96 97 misleading, or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the 98 advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed.
- 7. After the filing of such complaint before the administrative hearing commission, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621, RSMo. Upon a finding by the 101 102 administrative hearing commission that the grounds provided in 103 subsection 6 of this section for disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in combination, warn, censure, or place the person 104 named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as 105 106 the board deems appropriate for a period not to exceed ten years, or may suspend the person's license, certificate, or permit for an 107 indefinite period of time, or revoke the person's license, certificate, or 108 109 permit, or restrict or limit the person's license, certificate, or permit for an indefinite period of time, or revoke the person's license, 110 certificate, or permit, or administer a public or private reprimand, or deny the person's application for a license, or permanently withhold 112issuance of a license or require the person to submit to the care, counseling, or treatment of physicians designated by the board at the 114expense of the individual to be examined, or require the person to 115attend such continuing educational courses and pass such examinations 116

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- 8. The division may promulgate rules as necessary in accordance 118 119 with the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, to implement the provisions 120 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in 121 section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is 122 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, 123 section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are 124 125 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, 126 127disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule 128 129 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.
 - 324.1235. 1. The board shall promulgate rules as necessary in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, to establish:
 - 3 (1) An application process and administrative procedures for 4 processing applications and issuing professional midwife licenses and 5 for conducting disciplinary proceedings under the provisions of 6 sections 324.1230 to 324.1245;
- 7 (2) Practice guidelines consistent with standards regarding the
 8 practice of midwifery established by the North American Registry of
 9 Midwives and the National Association of Certified Professional
 10 Midwives, or a successor organization whose essential documents
 11 include without limitation subject matter concerning scope of practice,
 12 standards of practice, informed consent, appropriate consultation,
 13 collaboration or referral, including the development of collaborative
 14 relationships with other healthcare practitioners who can provide care
 15 outside the scope of midwifery practice when necessary; and
- 16 (3) Reasonable rules as deemed necessary by the board to carry 17 out and enforce the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245.
 - 2. The board shall:

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- 19 (1) Investigate to verify such applicant's qualifications. If the 20 results of the investigation are satisfactory to the board and the 21 applicant is otherwise qualified, the board shall issue to the applicant 22 a license authorizing the applicant to act as a professional midwife in 23 Missouri;
 - (2) Set the amount of fees authorized by sections 324.1230 to

- 25 324.1245 and required by rules promulgated under section 536.021,
- 26 RSMo. The fees shall be set at a level to produce revenue that does not
- 27 substantially exceed the cost and expense of administering sections
- 28 **324.1230** to **324.1245**;
- 29 (3) Perform such other functions and duties as necessary to 30 carry out the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245;
- 31 (4) Provide a form for use in the event of transfer to emergency 32 care detailing for the mother:
- 33 (a) Name, age, and birth date;
- 34 **(b)** Parity;
- 35 (c) Estimated delivery date;
- 36 (d) Results of routine blood tests;
- 37 (e) Results of any lab tests;
- 38 (f) Reason for transfer of care; and
- 39 (g) Vital signs;
- 40 (5) Provide a form for use in the event of transfer to emergency 41 care detailing for the baby:
- 42 (a) Name of the mother and the baby;
- 43 (b) Sex of the baby;
- 44 (c) Estimated gestational age;
- 45 (d) Vital signs;
- 46 (e) APGAR scores; and
- 47 (f) Reason for transfer of care.
- 3. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 52 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
- 54 chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to
- 55 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
- 56 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
- 57 adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.
 - 324.1237. There is hereby established in the treasury a fund to
 2 be known as the "Board of Professional Midwives Fund" which shall
- 3 consist of all gifts, donations, transfers, and moneys appropriated by
- 4 the general assembly. All funds received by the board pursuant to the

13 the preceding fiscal year.

- provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 shall be collected by the director of the department who shall transmit the funds to the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the board of professional midwives fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys in the fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund until the amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three times the amount of the appropriation from the fund for
 - 324.1239. 1. Every licensed professional midwife shall present a written disclosure statement to each client, which shall be signed by the client and kept with the client's records, and which shall include but not be limited to, the following:
- 5 (1) A description of professional midwifery education and related 6 training;
- 7 (2) Licensure as a professional midwife, including the effective 8 dates of the licensure;
- 9 (3) The benefits and risks associated with childbirth in the 10 setting selected by the client;
- 11 (4) A statement concerning the licensed professional midwife's 12 collaborative arrangements with other healthcare professionals, 13 including licensed physicians;
- 14 (5) A statement concerning the licensed professional midwife's 15 malpractice or liability insurance coverage; and
- 16 (6) A written plan, specific to the client, for obtaining medical 17 care, when necessary, which shall include:
- 18 (a) The name and phone number of the hospital or other 19 healthcare facility to which transfer is preferred should emergency 20 care become necessary; and
- 21 (b) The plan, protocol, or standing order for fulfilling maternal 22 screening tests and laboratory work required by state statute.
- 23 2. Licensed professional midwives shall carry medical 24 malpractice insurance under the same conditions described for 25 physicians in section 383.500, RSMo.
- 3. Licensed professional midwives may be reimbursed for professional midwifery services under the MO HealthNet program.
 - 324.1240. 1. Nothing in sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 shall be

- 2 construed to apply to a person who provides information and support
- 3 in preparation for labor and delivery and assists in the delivery of an
- 4 infant if that person does not do the following:
- 5 (1) Advertise as a midwife or as a provider of midwife services;
- 6 (2) Accept compensation for midwife services; and
- 7 (3) Use any words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the 8 person is a midwife.
- 9 2. Nothing in sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 shall be construed to 10 prohibit the attendance at birth of the mother's choice of family, 11 friends, or other uncompensated labor support attendants.
- 324.1241. 1. Any hospital, physician, nurse, emergency services personnel, or any other licensed health care professional who renders emergency care, treatment, or assistance to any person or persons, when the need of such care, treatment, or assistance arises from care provided by a licensed professional midwife, shall not be held liable for any civil damages except for acts of gross negligence or those occasioned by willful and wanton acts by such person in rendering such emergency care, treatment, or assistance.
- 2. A licensed health care provider or facility shall not be disciplined for assisting, enabling, aiding, procuring, advising, or encouraging any person licensed to practice professional midwifery who is practicing within the confines of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245.
- 324.1242. 1. When a birth or stillbirth occurs without a physician in attendance at or immediately after the birth or stillbirth, but with a licensed professional midwife in attendance at or immediately after the birth, it shall be the responsibility of the licensed professional midwife to prepare and file the certificate of birth as required by section 193.085, RSMo, and the reports required under section 193.165, RSMo, and section 210.050, RSMo.
- 2. Licensed professional midwives shall follow the newborn screening requirements for health care providers with respect to infants born in this state as described under subsections 1, 2, and 5 of section 191.331, RSMo.
- 3. Licensed professional midwives shall be required to retain patient records for a period of six years and keep such records confidential consistent with the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as amended.

324.1243. No licensed professional midwife shall be permitted to:

- 2 (1) Prescribe drugs;
- 3 (2) Perform medical inductions or cesarean sections during the 4 delivery of an infant;
- 5 (3) Use forceps during the delivery of an infant;
- 6 (4) Perform vacuum delivery of an infant;
 - (5) Perform an abortion as defined in chapter 188, RSMo; or
- 8 (6) Administer prescription drugs, with exceptions limited to:
- 9 (a) Neonatal use of prophylactic ophthalmic medications as 10 required in section 210.070, RSMo, vitamin K, and oxygen; and
- 11 (b) Maternal use of Rho (D) immune globulin, oxygen, local 12 anesthetic, and oxytocin and methylergonovine maleate as postpartum 13 antihemorrhagics.
- 324.1244. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed professional midwife providing a service of professional midwifery shall not be deemed to be engaged in the practice of medicine, nursing, nurse-midwifery, or any other medical or healing practice.
- 2. The provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 shall be remedial and curative in nature.
- 324.1245. Any person who violates the provisions of sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, or any rule or order promulgated under authority granted by sections 324.1230 to 324.1245 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 334.010. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person not now a registered physician within the meaning of the law to practice medicine or surgery in any of its departments, to engage in the practice of medicine across state lines or to profess to cure and attempt to treat the sick and others afflicted with bodily or mental infirmities, [or engage in the practice of midwifery] in this state, except as herein provided. The practice of professional midwifery is not the practice of medicine or osteopathy within the meaning of chapter 334, RSMo, and not subject to the provisions of the chapter.
- 9 2. For the purposes of this chapter, the "practice of medicine across state 10 lines" shall mean:
- 11 (1) The rendering of a written or otherwise documented medical opinion 12 concerning the diagnosis or treatment of a patient within this state by a 13 physician located outside this state as a result of transmission of individual

- patient data by electronic or other means from within this state to such physician
 or physician's agent; or
- 16 (2) The rendering of treatment to a patient within this state by a
- 17 physician located outside this state as a result of transmission of individual
- 18 patient data by electronic or other means from within this state to such physician
- 19 or physician's agent.
- 3. A physician located outside of this state shall not be required to obtain
- 21 a license when:
- 22 (1) In consultation with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this
- 23 state; and
- 24 (2) The physician licensed in this state retains ultimate authority and
- 25 responsibility for the diagnosis or diagnoses and treatment in the care of the
- 26 patient located within this state; or
- 27 (3) Evaluating a patient or rendering an oral, written or otherwise
- 28 documented medical opinion, or when providing testimony or records for the
- 29 purpose of any civil or criminal action before any judicial or administrative
- 30 proceeding of this state or other forum in this state; or
- 31 (4) Participating in a utilization review pursuant to section 376.1350,
- 32 RSMo.
 - 334.120. 1. There is hereby created and established a board to be known
 - 2 as "The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts" for the purpose of
 - 3 registering, licensing and supervising all physicians and surgeons[, and
 - 4 midwives] in this state. The purpose of the board shall not include
 - 5 registering, licensing, or supervising of professional midwives. The
 - 6 board shall consist of nine members, including one voting public member, to be
 - 7 appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, at
 - 8 least five of whom shall be graduates of professional schools accredited by the
 - 9 Liaison Committee on Medical Education or recognized by the Educational
- 10 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, and at least two of whom shall be
- 11 graduates of professional schools approved and accredited as reputable by the
- 12 American Osteopathic Association, and all of whom, except the public member,
- 13 shall be duly licensed and registered as physicians and surgeons pursuant to the
- 14 laws of this state. Each member must be a citizen of the United States and must
- 15 have been a resident of this state for a period of at least one year next preceding
- 16 his or her appointment and shall have been actively engaged in the lawful and
- 17 ethical practice of the profession of physician and surgeon for at least five years

next preceding his or her appointment. Not more than four members shall be 18 19 affiliated with the same political party. All members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Each member of the board shall receive as compensation an 20 21amount set by the board not to exceed fifty dollars for each day devoted to the affairs of the board, and shall be entitled to reimbursement of his or her expenses 2223 necessarily incurred in the discharge of his or her official duties. The president 24 of the Missouri State Medical Association, for all medical physician appointments, 25or the president of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and 26 Surgeons, for all osteopathic physician appointments, in office at the time shall, at least ninety days prior to the expiration of the term of the respective board 2728 member, other than the public member, or as soon as feasible after the appropriate vacancy on the board otherwise occurs, submit to the director of the 29 division of professional registration a list of five physicians and surgeons 30 qualified and willing to fill the vacancy in question, with the request and 31 recommendation that the governor appoint one of the five persons so listed, and 32with the list so submitted, the president of the Missouri State Medical 33 Association or the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, 34 as appropriate, shall include in his or her letter of transmittal a description of the 35 method by which the names were chosen by that association. 36

37 2. The public member shall be at the time of his or her appointment a 38 citizen of the United States; a resident of this state for a period of one year and 39 a registered voter; a person who is not and never was a member of any profession 40 licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter or the spouse of such person; and 41 a person who does not have and never has had a material, financial interest in either the providing of the professional services regulated by this chapter, or an 42activity or organization directly related to any profession licensed or regulated 43 pursuant to this chapter. All members, including public members, shall be 44 chosen from lists submitted by the director of the division of professional 45 registration. The duties of the public member shall not include the determination 46 of the technical requirements to be met for licensure or whether any person meets 47 such technical requirements or of the technical competence or technical judgment 48 49 of a licensee or a candidate for licensure.

376.1753. [Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person who holds current ministerial or tocological certification by an organization accredited by the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) may provide services as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396 r-6(b)(4)(E)(ii)(I).] Licensed professional

- 5 midwives under sections 324.1230 to 324.1245, RSMo, may be
- 6 compensated for professional midwife services by a health benefit plan
- 7 or insurer under this chapter.

[334.260. On August 29, 1959, all persons licensed under

- the provisions of chapter 334, RSMo 1949, as midwives shall be
- deemed to be licensed as midwives under this chapter and subject
- 4 to all the provisions of this chapter.]

Section B. Because of the need to provide clarity on the issue of the

- 2 practice of midwifery, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
- 3 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby
- 4 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and
- 5 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
- 6 approval.

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